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Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. The references were cited in the specification and in an International Search performed on the PCT application of which the present application forms the national stage. A copy of each reference is enclosed. A copy of the search report is also enclosed, which satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of foreign-language references. The relevance of each reference cited in the specification of the present application is discussed in the specification.

It should be noted that PCT/ES97/00302 cited in the specification was published in Spanish as WO99/03073 after the filing date of the PCT application of which the present application forms the national stage, and is

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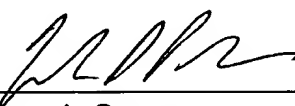
therefore not thought to be prior art against the present application. However, PCT/ES97/00302 claims the priority of two Spanish Utility Models (1 037 811 and 1 038 850), which were published before the filing date of the present application, and which are also enclosed. A translation into English of WO99/03073 (PCT/ES97/00302) in the form of EP 1 020 820 is also enclosed.

Certification

This Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, and this paper is thus submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b). In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of these documents. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over these references.

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WO92/21110	11/92	PCT					
WO99/03073	01/99	PCT			X (EP 1020820)		
1 038 850	08/98	SPAIN				X	
1 037 811	04/98	SPAIN				X	
0 421 808	04/91	EP					
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